MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): അതിൽ ഇരണിയലിനെ മുൻസിപ്പൽ ടൌൺ ആക്കണമെന്ന് അഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ആ റ്റംസ് പാസ്സായശേഷം ഇരണിയലിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

Grant of increments to acting Clerks in the Secretariat.

97. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether since the last Budget Session, the question of granting increments to the acting graduate clerks in the Secretariat, has been taken up, considered and decided;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the decision arrived at in the matter; and

(*c*) whether and if so how many acting clerks have been confirmed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question of granting increments to the acting graduate clerks in the Secretariat has been taken up and is being considered. No decision has been arrived at.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Five clerks, four in the Higher Grade and one in the Lower Grade, have been confirmed.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state when the matter was taken up for consideration by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A few months ago.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member by whom was the matter brought to the notice of Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): By the acting clerks themselves.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know when, please?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say the date.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state what was the cause of the delay in taking up the matter for consideration?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Delay in what?

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Delay in the filling up of vacancies.

PRESIDENT: With reference to what question are you asking this supplementary question?

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (*a*) of the answer, that the question of granting increments is being considered. Will the member be pleased to say the cause of the delay?

PRESIDENT: From what date to what date is there delay?

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): From the answer of the member I have to note that the matter was under consideration a few months back.

PRESIDENT: That is wrong.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state that in view of the hardship that clerks experience, the matter will be taken up and disposed of?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is suggesting an answer.

PRESIDENT: You are not asking a question.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether there are any more vacancies to be filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was one vacancy which arose three days ago, and I have filled it up.

Sinking of a well in Vellachivilai.

98. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the sinking of a well for the use of the Sambavars in Vellachivilai in Alur pakuti of the Kalkulam taluk has been commenced;

(*b*) how long is it since the work was commenced; and

(*c*) how many years it will take for its completion?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) It is presumed that the member refers to the well at Neduvilacherry in Kalkulam pakuti, north of M. S. Road, 36th mile. This well was started in 1103 and dug for a depth of 12 ft. when hard rock was met with and the work had therefore to be suspended.

(*c*) The period cannot be definitely given.

Applications for permission to erect churches.

99. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by them for permission to erect new churches from 10-11-1104 to 10-5-1105;

(*b*) of these, how many applications have been disposed of; and

(*c*) of those disposed of, how many applications have been granted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 55.

(*b*) 50.

(*c*) 35.

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